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My dear Wendell:

I reached the Roxbury depot, last night, at 9 o'clock, (on time to a minute,) and had a very comfortable ride, as it was too wet for any dust — the rain pursuing me the whole distance more or less freely, with a good deal of fog from New London to Boston. To-day it is wet and foggy, and I still wait for fair weather.

Of course, I took all at home by surprise, as they supposed I was at Paterson. It was pleasant to find them all well, and that nothing had gone amiss during my absence. I made my report of you all at the Park, with due particularity, and also in regard to the Longwood meetings. All were delighted to hear that our beloved Mrs. McKim (they want Mr. McKim included) and Lloyd intend visiting Rockledge in all this month.

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I shall send you by express to-morrow afternoon, as a slight pictorial recognition of your 30th birthday, two dozen and a half stereoscopic views of the principal buildings, &c., in Boston, the occasional contemplation of which will serve to amuse and interest you, and to refresh your memory. Let Lloyd look at them as often as he desires, taking care not to deface them. I also send you a good stereoscope, (Holmes's pattern,) which will answer for any other stereoscopic views.

Fanny and Frank veto the lawn mower; first, because of the nature of our grounds, (the terraces being so steep,) but more especially because of the heavy expense attending the bringing of the Cochituate water into the house — say $1200, almost double what I supposed it would be! If, therefore, you have not actually bought the mower, you need not do so.

We shall look for George Saturday night. Love to the household, and kisses for Lloyd and Philip. Your loving Father.

P. S. Frank is very much obliged to you for your present of the German dictionary. He would like nothing better than to be able to accept the invitation of Charley to spend a week with him in recreation this summer, but sees no prospect of it at present.

He searched the numbers of <u>The Revolution</u> to find the paragraph about G. F. Train, for Mr. McKim, but could not discover it. I will attend to it.

Frank wishes me to make his acknowledgment for your sending him the account of the Hornsburg hive.

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